(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard; and

(c) the details of target set therefor, forTenth Five Year Plan for Orissa and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the State Government, it is proposed to increase area under sugarcane cultivation in Orissa. Sugarcane Development scheme was implemented in major sugarcane growing States including Orissa. However, since October, 2000, the scheme "Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems" (SUBACS) has been subsumed under Marco Management Mode of Agriculture along with other 26 schemes to give more flexibility to States and implement the programmes on the basis of State's priorities and requirements. Funds are allocated and released to States in lump sum for Macro Magangement Mode of Agriculture and not provided on the basis of individual crop by Government of India.The State Government of Orissa has included the sugarcane development programme in the work plan under Macro Management scheme and has kept a target to increase the sugarcane area to 42000 hectares during Tenth Five Year Plan.

Drought assistance to States

3117. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that have declared the entire State and the number of States that have declared certain districts, as drought affected;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by the Central Government to drought affected States, State-wise; and

(c) the details of other facilities provided to States by different Central Government agencies/organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) While Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh have declared all the districts in their States as drought affected, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh,

Maharashtra and West Bengal have made similar declaration for parts of their States.

(b) State-wise details are indicated in the Statement (Seebelow).

(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to deal with droughts and other natural calamities. Central Government supplements the efforts of the States to deal with the situation. For current drought, apart from financial assistance, the following other steps were taken by the Central Government:

(i) Constitution of Task Force on Drought Management, headed by the Deputy Prime Minister, for taking policy decisions, etc.

(ii) Free transportation of water and fodder by the Railways.

(iii) Deferment of recovery of principal and interest on crop loan from farmers, for the current year.

(iv) Additional assistance to the drought affected States for rural water supply, under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

(v) Allocation of cattle grade feed and assistance for opening of cattle camps, to Rajasthan.

(vi) One time drought relief increase on certain Kharif crops.

(vii) Initiation of steps to have pilot projects in drought affected districts for providing supplementary nutrition for adolecent girls.

Statement

State-wise amount of assistance provided by Central Government to drought affected States

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	State	No. of drought affected districts	Foodgrains allocated (lakh MTs)	Central Assistance share of CRF released	Central Assistance released from NCCF
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	3.00	163.77	-
2.	Chhattisgarh	16	0.50	22.72	45.85
3.	Gujarat	13	-	-	-

SI. No.	State	No. of drought affected districts	Foodgrains allocated (lakh MTs)	Central Assistance share of CRF released	Central Assistance released from NCCF
4.	Haryana	19	0.25	67.23	-
5.	Himachal Pradesh	12	0.10	35.96	9.80
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	#	-	14.43	-
7.	Jharkhand	22	0.40	-	-
8.	Karnataka	24	2.00	61.66	171.28
9.	Kerala	10	-	55.60	-
10.	Madhya Pradesh	33	1.00	51.78	95.03
11.	Maharashtra	33	-	129.99	20.0
12.	Orissa	30	2.0	90.52	-
13.	Punjab	17	-	101.47	-
14.	Rajashtan	32	7.00	171.16	11.66*
15.	Tamil Nadu	#	0.50	84.87	109.70
16.	Uttaranchal	13	0.50	13."38	-
17.	Uttar Pradesh	70	2.0	120.95	237.65
18.	West Bengal	3	-	41.80	-

State Governments of Jammu and Kashmir and Tamil Nadu have not formally declared the drought affected areas

* For running of cattle camps.

National policy for farmers

†3118. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national policy for improving the economic conditions of the Indian farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.